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On October 13 and on October 15, 2001, respectively, two Briefs on Appeal were transmitted to the Patent Office regarding the above matter.

With respect thereto, the brief of October 15, 2001 should be deemed a Supplemental Brief on Appeal. The one significant change between the briefs is the grouping of the claims. In the October 13 brief, the claims were deemed to rise and fall together, now, as pointed out in the Supplemental Brief, claim 1 is a first group and claims 7 and 8 is a second group of claims. In all other respects, the briefs are substantially the same.

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